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A SCHEME To PAY the OUT-PENSIONERS OF *CHELSEA*, AFTER

A METHOD whereby, among 4000 of them, they may be paid 4560 *l.* 15 *s.* a Year more than they can get after the Manner in which they have been hitherto paid; and that too, so that neither they, nor those appointed to pay them, can either defraud the Government, or be defrauded the one by the other.

And likewise,

So that, upon any Emergency, all those who are Able, may be ready to do Garrison Duty, or Re-enter into the Service, without doing such Injury to them or others, as at present is, and has heretofore been, done upon such Occasions.

Non solùm nobis Deus nobis animum didit.

By *JOHN WOODMAN*,
Who formerly contrived the Regulation of the Books at the Secretary's Office in *Chelsea* College.

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TO THE

RIGHT HONOURABLE

THE

LORDS

And Others,

COMMISSIONERS

For Managing

The AFFAIRS of His MAJESTY's Royal Hoſpital at *Chelſea*,

The following

PROPOSAL

FOR

Regulating the Payment of the OUT-PENSIONERS thereof, is moſt humbly dedicated by their LORD-SHIPS

Moſt humbly devoted Servant,

CHELSEA,
Jan. 17, 1739-40.

JOHN WOODMAN.

PROPOSALS
TO
Regulate the Payments of the Out-Penſioners of CHELSEA COLLEGE.

I.
LET it be publiſhed, by Order of the Commiſſioners, that all Perſons who have furniſhed the Penſioners with Money for their Penſion, to be hereafter due, may receive the ſame, or ſuch Part thereof as ſhall become due, in due Courſe of Payment, if forthwith they produce their Claims, with an Account of the Place where the Penſioners are which they have ſo paid, and that no Perſon for the future ſhall be permitted to receive any Money from the Royal Hoſpital at *Chelſea* on Account of any of the Penſioners thereof, but ſuch as ſhall be appointed by the Commiſſioners for that Purpoſe.

II. Let

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Alſo the Deputy Pay-Maſter ——————

And let there be an Inſpector ——————

For two Clerks to aſſiſt the Secretary, allow ——————————

For two Clerks to aſſiſt the Inſpector—

And for two Clerks to aſſiſt the Deputy Pay-Maſter ——————————

III. Let there be advanced when there is

		s.	
To	40	of them 42	each every 8th Week,
	400	of them 28	each every 8th Week,
	3560	of them 21	each every 8th Week,

l.	
100	a Year Salary on the Eſtabliſhment.
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100	a Year Wages.
100	
100	

4000 Men at 5*d. per* Day on the Penſion.

d.				*l.*	*s.*	
at 9	a	Man	*per* Day	547	00	a Year.
at 6	a	Man	*per* Day	3650	00	
at 4½	a	Man	*per* Day	24363	15	
			Total	28560	15	a Year.

IV. Let thoſe who furniſh the 28560*l.* 15*s.* a Year, for the 4000 Penſioners, at 4382 *l.* every 8th Week, be allowed an Intereſt for the ſame, at the Rate of 5 *per Cent. per Ann.* that is, 1428*l.* 9*d.* a Year, and let 427*l.* 17*s.* 7*d.* the Surplus, when 29988*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.* the ſaid 4000 Men's yearly Pay, with Intereſt allowed for the Advance thereof, is taken from 30416*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* the full Year's Pay of 4000 Men at 5*d. per* Day, be to anſwer to the Deficiencies by Deaths, &c. and let the Reſidue, which will be about 220*l.* every Year, be made up 300 *l.* from the Eſtabliſhment, to pay the Clerks when the Houſe is paid.

V. Let there be always 40 Penſioners, of good Characters, to be approved of by the Commiſſioners, at 9*d. per* Day, in *London* (beſides the Men who now are on that Eſtabliſhment) 20 of which to be directed by the Secretary, and 20 by the Inſpector, each to make

make a Report every 8th Week of the Condition, Death, Habitation and Removal of thoſe Penſioners he ſhall be appointed to pay; that ſo their Accompts may be truly confirmed.

VI. Let there be forthwith a Tenth Part of all the Penſioners appointed by the Inſpector to have 6*d.* a Day, at ſuch Places out of *London*, to which the Money for all other Penſioners may be ſent; and let every Penſioner for the future, when admitted, be ſent by the Secretary to the Inſpector, with a Ticket number'd, dated and ſtamp'd; and from the Inſpector to one of the Penſioners at 9*d. per* Day in *London*, with Notice where the new enter'd Man is to go, and an Order for what Money they ſhall go together and receive at the *Pay-Office* at *Chelſea*; that ſo every Penſioner may be well known, and duly paid.

VII. Let it be made known to every one, that is, or ſhall come, upon the Pen-

Penſion, that each, in Priority of Time, according to the Notice (if it be firſt) which he ſhall ſend or give to the Inſpector of the Death or Removal of any Penſioner, ſhall be put upon the Liſt of Sixpenny Men, to be preferr'd as Vacancies ſhall happen; and to every one at 6*d. per* Day, that in like manner he ſhall be preferred to the 9*d. per* Day in *London*, if he can write a legible Hand; and that all Sixpenny Men and Ninepenny Men, ſo employed, ſhall be exempt from Garriſon Duty ſo long, and no longer, than they ſhall diſcharge their Truſt truly; that ſo every one may be encouraged to prevent Frauds, and deterr'd from deviſing or commiting them, by being ſure of being diſcovered therein, and puniſh'd accordingly.

VIII. Let there be a printed Form given to every Man at 6*d per* Day, of the Bills for the Money which he ſhall draw for, and let each of them be directed

rected to ſend ſo many Bills every 8th Week, encloſed in his Report, to the Right Honourable the Pay-Maſter General, as the Inſpector ſhall require, each mark'd on the ſeal'd Side, with ſuch a Number as ſhall be proper to ſignify which of the ſaid Ninepenny Men, in *London*, is to receive and pay the Money for them on ſuch Bills. And let there be always two 9*d.* Men for each (one of the Secretary's appointing, and one of the Inſpector's appointing) that ſo there may be good Witneſs of the Payment of the Money for all Penſioners who live at a greater Diſtance than 5 Miles from *London*.

IX. Let every Penſioner at 6*d. per* Day, out of *London*, be directed by one of thoſe at 9*d. per* Day, in *London*, whenever the Secretary or Inſpector ſhall think proper, to ſend a Report of all ſuch other Penſioners as either of them ſhall direct; and let the Secretary and Inſpector, by Turns, examine and paſs each

others

others Reports, that ſo every one may be detected in a falſe, and juſtified in a true Account.

X. Let every Penſioner, living in *London*, or within 5 Miles thereof, be paid every 8th Week, one time by thoſe at 9*d. per* Day, under the Secretary's Directions before the Inſpector, and another time by thoſe at 9*d. per* Day, under the Inſpector's Directions, before the Secretary, ſo by turns; and let the Secretary and Inſpector paſs each others Ninepenny Men's Reports, and give them their Orders to the Deputy Pay-Maſter for what Money they are to receive: that ſo all Penſioners may be well paid, and that there may be ſufficient Vouchers thereof.

To Conclude. When the Out-Penſioners of *Chelſea*-Hoſpital ſhall be paid after the aforegoing Manner, there will not be ſo many Penſioners thereof go begging about the Country as there has been. There will none of them

them be abandoned to ſuch Miſery and Want as ſo many of them have been, by not being well and duly paid : There will alſo be added, ſuch a Help to the Secretary, as he hath long wanted, to prevent Frauds ; and there will be no more Errors committed at his Office in the accepting of falſe, or rejecting of true, Appearances.

When this Remedy is applied, there will be no Complaints among the Penſioners againſt the Uſurers and Extortioners ; the *Irritamenta malorum* will be remov'd ; and there will be no more ſuch ſcandalous Practices, amongſt them and their Oppreſſors, as there has been heretofore complain'd of, and cenſur'd by the Publick.

N. B. *A Supplement to the aforegoing Scheme, with an Account of ſome bad Practices which have been among the Penſioners, and thoſe concern'd in managing the Payment of their Out-Penſions, is preparing to be publiſh'd by the ſame Author.*